



SBA DISASTER NEWS

Federal Disaster Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR DISASTER VICTIMS

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas counties have until **September 1, 2003** to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought that occurred from May 1, 2002, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Oklahoma:

Atoka	Haskell	McCurtain	Pawnee	Rogers
Bryan	Hughes	McIntosh	Payne	Seminole
Choctaw	Latimer	Muskogee	Pittsburg	Sequoyah
Coal	Le Flore	Okfuskee	Pontotoc	Tulsa
Creek	Lincoln	Okmulgee	Pottawatomie	Wagoner
Delaware	Mayes	Ottawa	Pushmataha	Washington

Arkansas:

Little River	Polk	Scott	Sebastian	Sevier
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Missouri:

McDonald

Texas:

Bowie	Lamar	Red River
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Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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For more information about the SBA Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.